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Union wants Chiromo Lane Medical Centre shut over nurse's killing

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The National Nurses Association of Kenya (NNAK) has called for closure of Chiromo Lane Medical Centre, Nairobi, following the killing of their colleague by a patient.

Mr Faustine Mwadilo, a nurse at the facility, was shot dead by a psychiatric patient on Wednesday night.

Speaking during a press briefing at Sai Rock Beach Hotel in Mombasa, the association chairman Alfred Obengo said by Monday next week, if the hospital is not closed, nurses will hold countrywide demonstrations to call for the same.

“We will mobilise nurses across the country to go and close that hospital ourselves. We are going to have the mother of all demos if our call is not heeded,” said Mr Obengo.

Sue hospital

Mr Obengo warned the association would move to court next week to sue the hospital for institutional negligence and compel it to compensate the deceased family.

“We are going to court to force the management to compensate the family of the deceased. We will get justice for our befallen colleague. We will force them to do that through the court.”

He added: “The incident justifies why we nurses say that our jobs are at risk more than anyone else in the health profession. Now you know why nurses are requesting for risk allowances.”

Mr Obengo condemned the hospital management for allowing an unstable patient to be admitted while armed with a firearm.

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"Harmful"

“That gun is even harmful to him as a patient we wonder how an institution can allow him be admitted with it,” said Mr Obengo.

Questions have been rife as to why the patient was allowed to walk in the hospital with the pistol.

Sources at the health facility, however, said the patient was a regular client who had never caused problems with his gun.

A nurse at the medical and rehabilitation hospital who requested anonymity said the guards at the gate had asked the patient to surrender his gun for safekeeping but he refused.

The suspect is being held by police.